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SUBJECT: NORDIC ATTITUDES TOWARD PRG

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B. REYKJAVIK 0321

1. IN ABSENCE OF ICELAND'S FONMIN AND MFA SEC GEN WHO ARE STILL IN MOSCOW I CONVEYED REFTEL (A) MESSAGE LAST WEEK IN PERSON TO MFA DEPSEC GEN HELGASON WHO ACCOMPANIED FONMIN AT RECENT NORDIC FONMIN'S CONFERENCE AT HELSINKI WHERE PRESSURE WAS APPLIED ON FONMIN BY SWEDES AND FINNS (REFTEL B). IT WAS LIKE TALKING TO THE CONVERTED. I KNOW THAT HELGASON FEELS AS WE DO ON SUBJECT BUT SAID HE RAN UP AGAINST A POLITICAL STONE WALL.

2. HELGASON SAID THE ARGUMENT PARTICULARLY USED BY THE SWEDES ON THE FONMIN WHICH HE LABELED AS OLAF PALME'S, CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND WEST-

ORIENTED POLITICAL PARTIES TO ESPOUSE CERTAIN LEFTIST CAUSES SO AS TO TAKE THE STEAM OUT OF LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTIES IN THEIR COUNTRIES AND TO SHOW THE POPULACE WHO ARE OPPOSED TO SOME USG POLICIES, SUCH AS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, THAT NON-COMMUNIST PARTIES CAN ACCOMMODATE THEIR VIEWS. THE SWEDES CONSIDER THIS APPROACH, ESPECIALLY ON THOSE ISSUES "WHICH DO NOT DIRECTLY AFFECT THE NORDICS," AS A SUCCESSFUL WAY TO CONTAIN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTIES. I TOLD HELGASON I CONSIDERED THIS NAIVE AND PHONY. HELGASON MERELY SHRUGGED IMPLYING ACQUIESCENCE.

3. I INTEND TO DISCUSS SHORT-SIGHTED APPROACHES ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SUCH AS ABOVE WITH PRIME MINISTER AT FIRST AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY. I MADE OPENING WEDGE WITH PRIME MIN'S PERSONAL FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR LAST WEEK WHO SEEMED SURPRISED AT ICELAND'S POSITION ON PRG SCORE.
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